



Fox River & Countryside Fire/Rescue District

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MINUTES

Special Emergency Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at 4:00 PM

Station 1 – Meeting Room

34W500 Carl Lee R., St. Charles, IL 60174

1. Call to Order – A Special Emergency Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District was called to order at 4:01 PM, Wednesday, November 27, 2019 in the Meeting Room located at Station 1 – 34W500 Carl Lee Rd., St. Charles, IL 60174 by President Robert Handley.

- a. Roll Call

Present: 4 Handley, Dunham, Karr, Wegman (arrived 4:02 PM) Absent: 1 LeBlanc

Also Present: Fire Chief John Nixon, Attorney Kenneth Shepro, Administrative Assistant Tracy Dunklau, District Personnel, citizens and residents of the District.

- b. Pledge of Allegiance: President Handley led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country

Attorney Shepro – Reported the November 27, 2019 Special Emergency Meeting was called by President Handley on Monday evening at 7:56 PM after determining that an emergency relating to the District Fleet existed. Attorney Shepro contacted the Attorney General's Office to discuss the meeting notice. The Attorney General's Office advised that based on the facts and circumstances the meeting qualified as an "Emergency" under the Open Meetings Act.

2. Public Comment – None

3. Review of Fire Damage to Engine 1815

President Handley asked Chief Nixon to report on Vehicles 1812 & 1815. Chief reported 1815 is a 33-year-old vehicle being used as front line firefighting since 1812 is still being repaired. Since the last meeting 1815 has sustained extensive fire damage in the dashboard. The extent of the fire damage is currently being evaluated by EVS to determine what repairs are feasible or appropriate.

4. Determination of Emergency Need for Apparatus Replacement: Discussion and/or Action
Following discussion - A motion was made by Trustee Dunham and seconded by Trustee Karr to Determine An Emergency Need For Replacement Purchase. Based upon the Chief's Report above.

On roll call the vote was:

Yes: 4 Handley, Dunham, Karr, Wegman

No: 0

Absent: 1 LeBlanc

The Motion Carried

5. Emergency Acquisition and Financing of Alexis Demo Engine/Tender: Discussion and/or Action.

President Handley and Attorney Shepro reported the proposed Alexis Demo Engine/Tanker qualifies as a “used” vehicle under the 70 ILCS 705/11(k)(9) of the Fire Protection Act and because of mileage and use is not considered “new”.

Trustee Wegman asked if reasonable searches for other options had been conducted. The Chief stated that he had conducted a diligent search of alternatives to the Alexis Demo Engine/Tanker but it was his recommendation that the Alexis Demo was the best alternative. A lengthy discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Trustee Dunham and seconded by Trustee Karr to Waive competitive bidding based upon the emergency circumstances, to acquire the Alexis Demo Engine/Tanker and directing the Chief to present financing for the vehicle at the December Board Meeting.

On roll call the vote was:

Yes: 3 Handley, Dunham, Karr

No: 1 Wegman

Absent: 1 LeBlanc

The Motion Carried

6. Closed Session – none
7. Adjournment - A motion was made by Trustee Dunham and seconded by Trustee Wegman to adjourn the November 27, 2019 Special Emergency Meeting at 4:57 PM.

The motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Dunklau, Administrative Assistant

Approved,

John Karr, Secretary